

### REMARKS

Claims 3, 9, and 11-15 are in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10 are canceled; claims 3, 9, and 11 are currently amended; and claims 12-15 are unchanged from the originally filed versions thereof.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter. In particular, the Office Action indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base and any intervening claims, and that claims 11-15 are allowable.

Claim 3 is currently amended, consistent with the statements of the Office Action, to put the claim in a condition for allowance. Claim 3 is currently amended to incorporate those aspects of the base (1) and intervening claim (2) stated as being the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter regarding claim 3. Further, the claim language of claim 3 is clarified to clearly and concisely claim Applicants' invention.

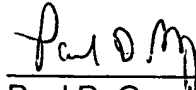
Claim 11 is currently amended to correct minor matters of form therein.

No new matter is added to the application as a result of the amendments submitted herewith.

Accordingly, Applicants earnestly request the allowance of claims 3, 9, and 11-15.

Respectfully submitted,

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